

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER!

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 2023

AND JESUS SAID



"And whoever gives only a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones to drink
because the little one is a disciple—
amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

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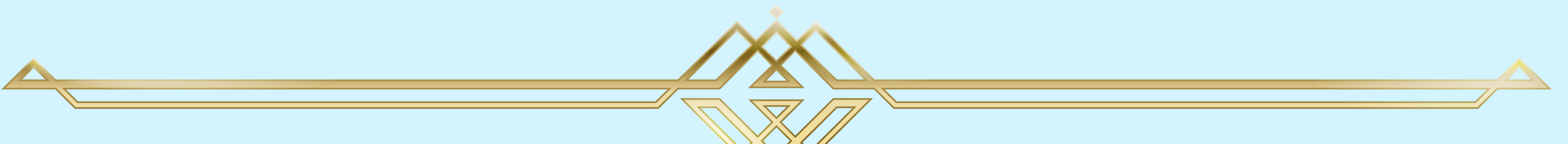
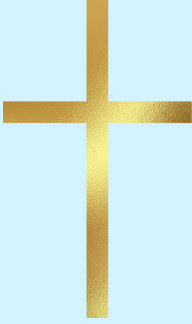
Sunday Mass at 10:00 am is available on LIVESTREAM

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On the Road to Sainthood Venerable Mother Mary Lange

Elizabeth Lange was born around 1794 in Santiago de Cuba, where she lived in a primarily French-speaking community. She received an excellent education and in the early 1800s she left Cuba and settled in the United States in Baltimore. Elizabeth was a courageous, loving, and deeply spiritual woman. There was no free public education for African American children in Maryland until 1868, so she responded to that need by opening a school for the children in her home in the Fells Point area of the city.

Providence intervened through the person of Reverend James Hector Joubert, SS, who was encouraged by James Whitfield, Archbishop of Baltimore to present Elizabeth Lange with the idea to found a religious congregation for the education of African American girls. Father Joubert would provide direction, solicit financial assistance, and encourage other “women of colour” to become members of this, the first congregation of African American women religious in the history of the Catholic Church. Elizabeth joyfully accepted Father Joubert’s idea. On July 2, 1829 Elizabeth and three other women professed their vows and became the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Elizabeth, the foundress and first superior general, took the religious name Mary.

William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, opened a formal investigation into Mother Lange’s life and works of charity in 1991. The Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine for the Causes of Saints approved the cause of her sainthood in 2004, and Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore celebrated a canonical celebration at the transfer and blessing of Mother Lange’s remains. The faithful venerated the relics before they were sealed in a reliquary and sarcophagus in the chapel’s oratory.



Pope Francis has advanced the sainthood cause of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, a Black religious sister who founded the country’s first African American religious congregation in Baltimore in 1829.

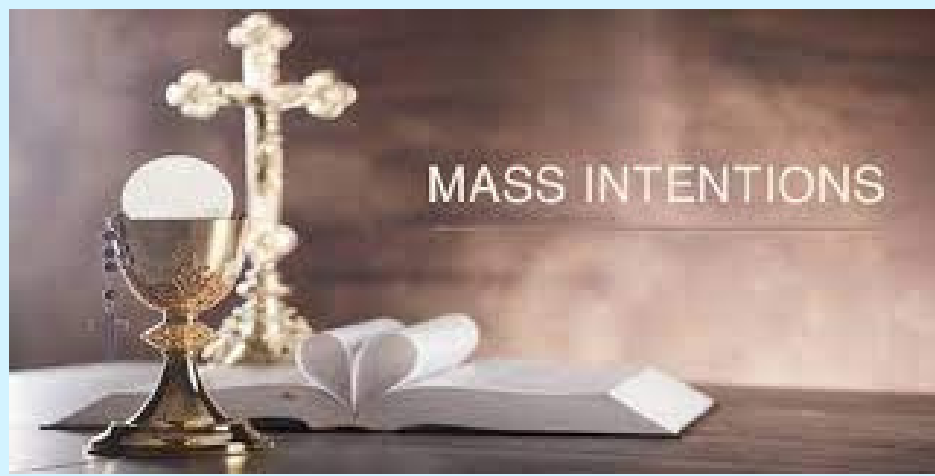
The recognition of Lange’s heroic virtue and the advancement of her cause from servant of God to venerable was announced by the Vatican in a decree signed on June 22. The Church will now need to approve a miracle attributed to her intercession before she can be beatified.

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Tolton Ambassadors will present Venerable Augustus Tolton's extraordinary life and dedication to the Catholic Church. The talk will discuss his journey from slavery to priesthood amid a tumultuous period that reflects our own times, as well as his path to sainthood. Tolton books and items will be available for sale and donations will be accepted to support the cause for sainthood. We hope you will join us! For questions, please email outreach@saintsaj.org.



Sunday, July 9, 2023
St. Agatha - St. James Church / Newman Lounge
111 S. 38th Street, Phila, PA (corner of 38th & Chestnut Street)
1:30 pm

9:00 AM Mass in Rectory Schedule & Intentions



Sunday, July 2, 2023

in the Church

“For the People of the Church”

Monday, July 3, 2023

SMdP Library Committee

Cheryl Wright

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Cheryl Wright

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Robert Brown

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Esther Murphy Stacy

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Patricia Friel, S.S.J.

**Bible Study
will resume in September**



Bible Trivia

July 6th - 5 p.m.

In Church Hall

Food & Prizes

Please register



The power of prayer!

Let us pray for the Sick.

We pray for all in our Church Family who are

SICK AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM:

JENAI BALLARD, MURIEL BOOKER, LUCILE BROWN, ANDRE CARTER, BARBARA CARTER, JANICE WHITMORE-CARTER, GERALD CARTER, MELODY COOPER, MARY COOPER, HELEN DIRKSON, RITA FELDER, JANICE FLOYD, THERESA HART, LYNETTE FORD-HAVENS, HARRY W. HUBBARD, AUGUSTUS JOHNSON, HAZEL MARSH, YAKAISHA MARSH, LISA MCLOED, WILLIAM PATTERSON, CLARENCE PRESTON, ALMA ROSS, LOIS STREETER, TAMIKA TENDER, RENEE TURNER, VICENTE VELAZQUEZ, AUDREY VICTOR, JANICE WHITMORE, LISA WILLIAMS, MARY JEAN WILLIAMS, SHARON WILLIAMS, SYLVIA WILLIAMS

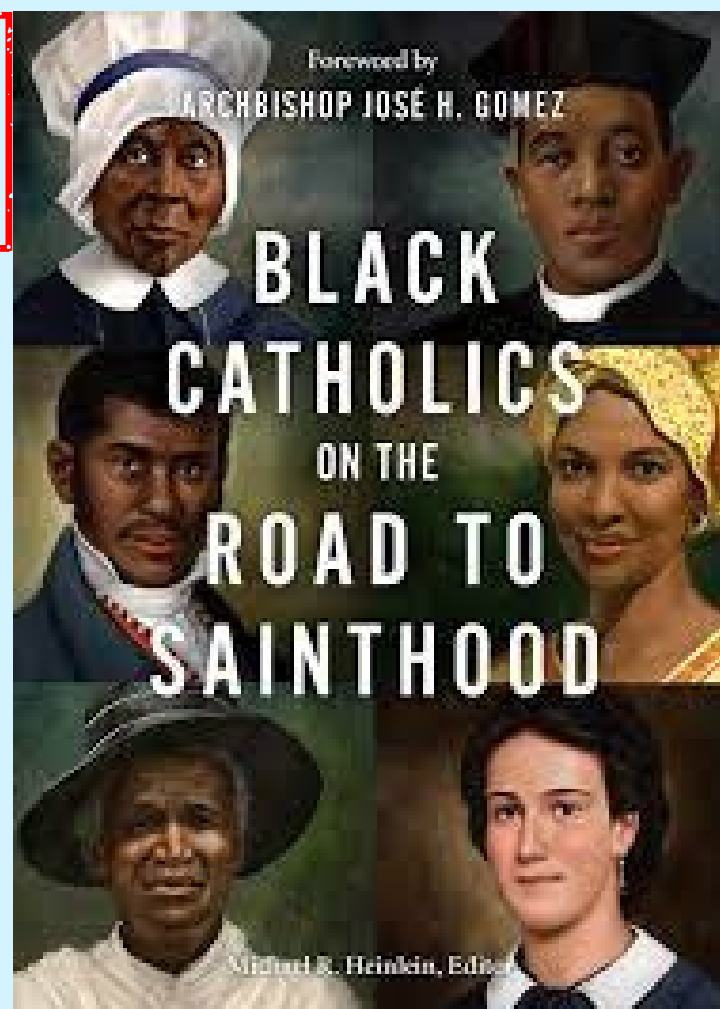
Please contact the church office to add or remove loved ones from our Prayer list. 215.228.8330

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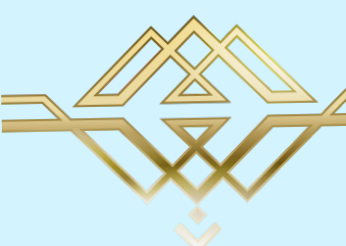
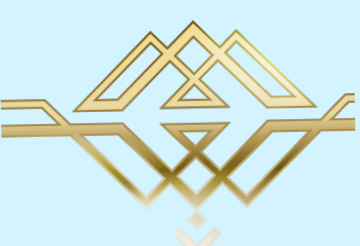
SMdP Library Committee
Book Club

**BLACK CATHOLICS
on the
ROAD TO
SAINTHOOD**

August 27 - 4 p.m. on Zoom



There is still time to donate. You can support Fr. Mekonnen's pilgrimage from SMdP to Shrine of Czestochowa by scanning the QR code below. We are raising funds to install a stairlift in the Church Hall. We need your help! The QR code will take you to Parish Giving! The installation is scheduled for the end of this month.





Saturdays -11:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. Legion of Mary

Sundays - 9:15 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
All are Welcome!

Welcome to Saint Martin de Porres Church. Based in North Philadelphia, we are a Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We are one diverse spiritual community called to follow Jesus Christ. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life" - John 3:16.

The essential aim of the Legion of Mary is the sanctification of its members through prayer, the sacraments and devotion to Mary and the Trinity, and of the whole world through the apostolate of the Legion.



When we pray the Rosary, we put ourselves and our intentions into God's hands. As we pray, we can let go of any worries we may have and we can choose to completely trust in God, knowing that He is listening to our prayers and that He wants the best for us and those we pray for.

ROSARY ONLINE - WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting # 282 564 5789

Mobile # (16465588656) (2825645789)

Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday, 12-1 PM (Required training for new volunteers begins at 11:15 AM)

Event: Lunch in the Park with Christ in the City

Join Christ in the City missionaries as we serve over 50+ men and women experiencing homelessness, building relationships while enjoying lunch.

Location: Lawn next to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

More info: Registration is required and all new volunteers must attend a training prior to the event. Full details and registration available at: <https://christinthecity.org/philadelphia-lunch-in-the-park/>



If you are in the hospital or sick, please contact the church office, 215.228.8330 for a visit from Fr. Mekonnen.

